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TO AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: US-ISRAELI RELATIONS

REF: A) TEL AVIV 2918 B) STATE 97693

1. WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED REPORTING AND ANALYSIS IN REFTELA.BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE,EVRON'S TECHNIQUE OF RAISING "ALERTS" IS GOOD INDICATION SENIOR LEVELS OF GOI ARE WORRIED WE ARE EITHER NOT GETTING THEIR MESSAGE OR ARE NOT SHOWING ENOUGH RESPONSIVENESS TO THEIR CONCERNS-- I.E., CHANGING VIEWS THEY PERCEIVE TO BE POTENTIALLY TROUBLESOME TO THEM. WE ASSUME, THEREFORE, ALLON IS HELPING LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR VIGOROUS EXPOSITION OF ISRAELI VIEW POINTS ON KEY MIDDLE EAST ISSUES IN HIS MAY 11 MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY.

2. IN ADDITION TO EMBASSY'S REPORTING, WE HAVE HAD OP-
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PORTUNITY FOR FORCEFUL PRESENTATION OF CURRENT GOI POLICIES IN OUR RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH AVINERI (REFTELB).ALSO, RECENT ANNUAL MEETING OF AMERICA-ISRAEL PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE PROVIDED ISRAELIS PROMINENT PUBLIC PLATFORM IN WASHINGTON TO GET THEIR VIEWS ACROSS. (BOTH DINITZ AND AVINERI ADDRESSED THIS MEETING WITH AVINERI DEVOTING HIS ENTIRE PRESENTATION TO ISRAELI VIEWS OF PLO, ADAMANT OP-

POSITION TO INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE, AND RELATED
SUBJECTS (SEPTEL).

3. SUGGEST YOU NOTE TO EVRON WHEN YOU NEXT SEE HIM THAT
DEPARTMENT APPRECIATED HIS COMMENTS, AND YOU MIGHT ALSO
DRAW UPON PARA 2 ABOVE. PLEASE ADD THAT SECRETARY IS
LOOKING FORWARD TO GOOD DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF SITUATION
DURING HIS FORTHCOMING MEETING WITH ALLON. CHRISTOPHER

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